

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 555

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION recognizing Geneva Cotten on the celebration of her eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in our deliberations to recognize those sterling citizens of this State who are celebrating noteworthy occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Cotten is one such individual who, on June 4 of this year, will celebrate her eightieth birthday, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cotten is a highly respected member of the Sparta community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Geneva Cotten served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher in the White County school system, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to the highest tenets of family values, Ms. Cotten retired from the educational system to care for her ailing mother; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five lovely years, she was joined in marriage with the late Albert Kenneth Cotten; the couple's blessed union produced three sons, Richard Cotten, Kenny P. Cotten, and the late Johnathan Cotten; and

WHEREAS, on this momentous occasion in Ms. Cotten's life, she will be joined in celebration by her grandchildren, Emily Cotten, William Cotten, and Brad Gurley; her great-grandchild, Dontray Cotten; and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her ninth decade, Geneva Cotten is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events and

dedicating her time and energies as a volunteer for Red Cross, in reading to mentally ill patients at Pacesetters, and in reading to Kindergarten and first grade children; and

WHEREAS, a woman who strives to keep herself busy, Ms. Cotten is deeply involved in a number of activities at Finley Methodist Church in Sparta, where she has been a valued member for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Geneva Cotten on the celebration of her eightieth birthday, offering our best wishes for her continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.